

Notice of Reasons for Rejection

Cited Reference/Reference Example

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Applied Article	Section 29, Article 1; Section 29, Article 2	

This application is rejected due to the following reasons. If you have any response, please submit your response within 60 days after the mailing date of this notification.

Reason

[Reason 1]

The invention related to the following claims of this application would have been easily attainable by one of ordinary skill in the art prior to filing of the application based on the invention(s) described in the following publications in Japan or foreign countries, or publicly accessible via an electric communication line, prior to the filing of the application. Therefore, due to Patent Law Section 29 Article 2, a patent is not obtainable.

Note (See List of Cited References, etc. for cited references, etc.)

- Claims 1-3, 9-11
- Cited Reference 1

- Cited reference 1 discloses that in a network facsimile device that receives an electronic mail and transmits it to a facsimile device of a relay destination (see section [0003]), if a network address of the user that transmits the electronic mail is not registered in storage means, a relay transmission operation is not performed (section [0009]).

Furthermore, S/MIME or the like is recognized to be a known function in an electronic mail.

- Claims 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16
- Claims 1, 2

Cited reference 2 discloses a facsimile device in which if a facsimile communication is relayed, if the identifying number (or telephone number) of a transmission origin and the telephone number of the transmission destination matches information stored in determination information storage means, the facsimile communication is relayed, and if not, it is not relayed.

Furthermore, S/MIME or the like is recognized to be a known function in an electronic mail.

[Reason 2]

The invention related to the following claims of this application is the invention(s) described in the following publications in Japan or foreign countries, or publicly accessible via an electric communication line, prior to the filing of the application. Therefore, due to Patent Law Section 29 Article 1 Number 3, a patent is not obtainable.

Note (See List of Cited References, etc. for cited references, etc.)

- Claims 1, 3, 9, 11
- Cited Reference 1

See the Reason 1 section

At this point, we do not find any rejection reasons for the invention related to the claims other than the claims explained in this NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION. If a rejection reason(s) is newly found, the applicant will be notified of the rejection reason(s).

List of Cited References, etc.

1. Japanese Published Patent Application 10-257091
 2. Japanese Published Patent Application 2-134038
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Record of prior art reference search results

- Search field IPC 7th Edition

H04N1/00-1/00, 108

H04N1/32-1/36, 101

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- Prior Art Reference

This record of prior art reference search results does not constitute a reason for rejection.

If you have any questions concerning this rejection or desire to have an interview concerning this application, please contact Seiji TESHIMA, Patent Examination Dept. 4, Image Processing.

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